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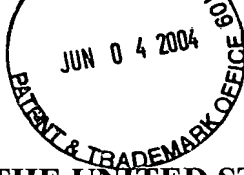
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT
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Sir:

In the official Office Action dated May 4, 2004 in the above-captioned application, the Examiner restricted prosecution of the application to a single invention and required that applicants elect one of the following species for prosecution in this application:

Ia. Claims 1, 2 and 5-13, drawn to a reactor having an inlet reflector and an outlet reflector disposed on the inside walls of the reactor (as seen in Figure 1); or

Ib. Claims 3-13, drawn to a reactor having a reflector positioned opposite a gas feed port and a moisture take-out port in the interior space of the reactor (as seen in Figure 4).

Accordingly, in response to the Examiner's Action, applicants respectfully elect with traverse Group Ia, i.e., claims 1, 2 and 5-13, drawn to a reactor having an inlet reflector and an outlet reflector disposed on the inside walls of the reactor (as seen in Figure 1), for prosecution in this application. It is believed that the inventions of the present application are so inter-related that no additional search would be required to examine all claims together and

that the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office's and applicants' resources would be economized.
However, applicants respectfully reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

In further response to the official Office Action dated May 4, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.